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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I would like to express my support for the proposed settlement plan in the Microsoft anti-trust case and accordingly urge you and the administration to work for its adoption. The plan allows Microsoft to continue to exist as one integrated entity, which I feel maintains the competitive environment that is necessary for all companies to operate. I feel this is vitally important to the American IT industry and to reenergizing our whole economy.

The plan is fair, as Microsoft must now concede to the rest of the IT industry certain rights of access to Windows systems and other company technology. Product licensing by Microsoft will now be at essentially uniform terms for the major consumer manufacturers. Microsoft will be forbidden to take any retaliatory market actions against the complainant competitors and it must cease any future anti-competitive practices. These terms and others should surely satisfy Microsoft's more honest competitors and should suffice to warrant your support of the settlement.

Would you please see your way toward helping to end this controversy at the federal level, for everyone's sake?

Sincerely,

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